



CITY OF SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

COUNCILMEMBER PIERLUIGI OLIVERIO
COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

December 19, 2008

Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to provide an update for you regarding the community meeting I held for Fresh and Easy grocer and the proposal at 1130 Willow Street (corner of Willow/Lincoln). The overall meeting was well attended with about 100 people.

Please look at the pdf's regarding the designs that are listed here. These were shared at the meeting. Mr. Byer will be submitting his proposal to the San Jose Planning Department in January or early February. Once he submits his proposal, the Planning Dept. will make recommendations to the project and another community meeting will be scheduled.

Fresh & Easy

Fresh & Easy has begun construction of the former Albertson's store at the corner of Bird and Minnesota. Fresh & Easy will use part of the store and then sub-lease the remainder of the space to another tenant. They have not found another tenant as of this date. Fresh & Easy intends on opening their store in the second half of 2009.

Fresh & Easy also plan on moving into the current Safeway store at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Curtner Avenue and have plans to have that store open under the Fresh & easy name next year.

Community Suggestions included:

- Installing locks so that the grocery carts will not leave the parking lot

1130 Willow (corner of Lincoln/Willow)

Alex Byer and Charles Kahn and Associates went over their preliminary drawings and objectives at the meeting.

Main points of the project were:

- Proposal includes a 3-story building—an addition to the existing building (the same height as the Garden Theater) and a parking garage
- Willow Street Pizza and Willow Glen Frozen Yogurt business owners are supportive of the proposal and will remain open during construction in addition to having upgrades made to their stores as part of this proposed project.
- The overall project proposes landscaping, office space, public gathering areas, a parking garage, new retail stores and restaurants with outdoor seating. Residential housing is not being proposed.

Community Suggestions included:

- Overall proposal would be a nice addition to Lincoln Avenue
- Pay attention to architecture; blend with Willow Glen.
- Office space will not have neon signs or banners in the windows. Space will be professional and clean.
- Separate the design out for each individual business—like Opa, Hicklebees etc.
- Will there be public restrooms? Public restrooms are not currently part of the design, but each tenant will have restrooms available to the public.
- Parking will be open to the public.
- Landscape and lighting will be privately maintained by the owner.
- The building will be built with “Green” standards
- Concerns about moving a bus stop, traffic, and speeding will be addressed as city issues and are not project specific.

I hope this overview is helpful for you and please share this information with those who have an interest. This letter will not be sent through the postal mail but available online. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions, suggestions or comments you may have. We will send all communications about the proposal to the Planning Dept. and the owner of the property and those about Fresh and Easy will be sent to them directly.

Warm regards,

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio
City of San Jose, District 6'